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Applicant: BUIE et al
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OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

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In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 3/18/2002, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor(s) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 (*2 documents of 4 pages each for a total of 8 pages*)
2. Copy of "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted"
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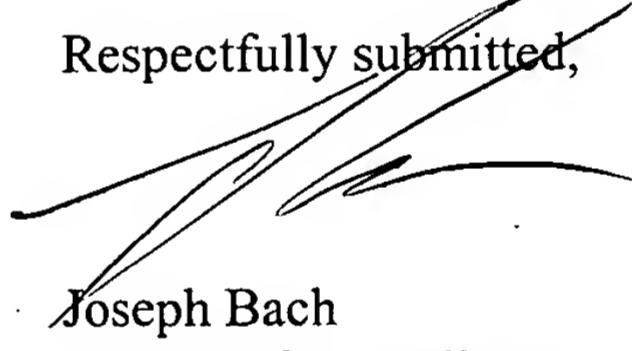
It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above-named patent application and justify the filing date of 12/18/2001. Please telephone the Susana Antunes at (408)-986-3923 if there are any questions regarding this matter.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Abstract must be on a separate sheet.

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